

# News from Ed Markey

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### **Rep. Markey Secures \$12.4 Million for Defense Projects in the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Massachusetts**

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Representative Edward J. Markey (D-Malden) announced today that the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Massachusetts is set to receive \$12.4 million in federal funds for defense- related projects under the Defense Spending bill. The conference report was finalized yesterday and is due to be voted on by the House today.

Rep. Markey said, “In funding these projects, the Appropriations Committee recognized the Seventh District of Massachusetts as one of the Army’s key research and development hubs. The superior leadership and brain power from Brandeis and other area universities, combined with the cutting edge technology and facilities at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center and the strength of the local high tech companies proves once again to be a winning formula. But this funding is not only a victory for Massachusetts -- it will also play an important role in keeping our soldiers and the Homeland safe.

From developing suits that will protect soldiers from toxic chemicals, to ensuring that our soldiers have the land mine detection equipment they need to protect themselves from the hidden explosives that litter the roadside of Iraq to researching, to developing suits that can rapidly assess a wounded soldier’s medical condition and report vital statistics, to advancing our understanding of the nature of sleep and researching the prevalence of sleep apnea among our soldiers, these projects are central to the protection our men and women in battle.

I want to thank Senators Kennedy and Kerry for their work ensuring that these projects received as much support from the Senate as they have in the U.S. House”

Projects for the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Massachusetts that are funded under the Defense Appropriations Bill:

- **\$1.5 million for a Electronic Textiles for Combat Casualty Care Research and Development Project for Foster-Miller which is based in Waltham and contracts with the Natick Soldier Systems Center**
- **\$1 million for a Behavioral Genomics Sleep Apnea Research Project at Brandeis University**

- **\$1 million for a Protection against Toxic Industrial Chemical Research and Development Project for Battelle Corporation which is based in Natick and contracts with the Natick Soldier Systems Center**
- **\$8.9 million for Handheld Standoff Mine Detection System Procurement Project for Cyterra Corporation in Waltham**

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